

Region V Anti-Gang Intelligence-Led Policing OES Grant Summary

The Tulare County Sheriff's Department Gang Violence Suppression Unit was granted an OES Region V Anti-Gang Intelligence-Led Policing Grant in 2008. In response the Sheriff's Department designated Detective Judd Hembree as the grant representative and OES area coordinator. As gang violence continues to become ever increasing, the grant was intended to bring the surrounding Region V LEMA (Law Enforcement Mutual Aid) departments together and increase relations as well as increase intelligence led communications.

The 7 Region V LEMA departments consist of the Tulare County Sheriff's Department, Kern County Sheriff's Department, Kings County Sheriff's Department, Fresno County Sheriff's Department, Madera County Sheriff's Department, Merced County Sheriff's Department and the Mariposa County Sheriff's Department. Each department designated a contact representative as follows:

Tulare Co:	Det. J. Hembree
Kern Co:	Sgt. M. Whiting
Kings Co:	Det. A. Meyer
Fresno Co:	Det. M. Wynn
Madera Co:	Det. J. Ellenberger
Merced Co:	Det. R. Shukri
Mariposa Co:	Det. J. Serena

The grant was supervised by TCSO Sgt. Harold Liles with the Division Commander being TCSO Lt. Kevin Cotton. In October 2008, Investigator Aide Stephanie Reed was added to support the Region V Grant with general clerical duties, assistance with specific gang validations as well as creating documents both for law enforcement and public presentations.

The sharing of information among the Region V counties has provided each participating county with information regarding murder investigations, assault investigations, various intelligence information relating to gang movement and trends, upcoming releases from State Prison and other joint investigations. The increase of joint operations enjoyed through out the grant period not only increased intel communication but increased how the local community views Gang Violence

Detectives. Communities during various suppression efforts commented on the variety of Detectives, not only local but with the joining of forces the presence showed the public that law enforcement will and does cross jurisdictional lines and works well together.

In the early **2008-2009** grant reporting period the Region V program focused its resources on creating a easily accessed web based gang information site. The purpose of the site is to provide the public as well as other law enforcement entities access to a more direct way for gang information dissemination. The site was active as of early 2009 and placed on the Tulare County Sheriff's Main Web Page with links to each of the other 6 participating county sites.

2009 saw an increase in cooperative efforts between the participating counties both with intelligence led communications and detail operations. The focused efforts of the Region V grant provided the opportunity to not only to share intel in an up to date forum but provided additional law enforcement bodies during operational details. The result of cooperative efforts brought a positive view to the public that law enforcement not only can but will cross jurisdictional lines and work together as well as increased beneficial relationships between the participating departments that continue after the grant expired.

Region V General Activity:

(By Month summary)

October 2008:

- Fresno detail 10-2,3
- Madera detail 10-24
- TCSO detail 10-30,31

November 2008:

- Identified representatives from each participating counties
- Each representative provided contact info
- Gang information beginning to be shared
- Fresno MAGEC detail 11-20,21

December 2008:

- Identified specific community organizations related to anti-gang productions
- Beginning lists of community organizations, Law Enforcement representatives
- Madera Co. detail 12-9
- Kern Co. detail 12-11
- 12-16 Region V web site began
- Fresno MAGEC detail 12-16
- Merced morning detail, then Kings detail at night 12-18

January 2009:

- Cal Gang training agreement
- Beginning to travel out of county for details more
- Kern detail 1-8
- Madera detail 1-9
- TCSO detail 1-10
- Region V meeting 1-14
- Used contact with Fresno MAGEC on atl P.C.187 susp

February 2009:

- Gang suppression activities increase
- Information sharing between Fresno, Kern and Kings Counties increase
- TCSO begins monthly intelligence sharing meetings open to any and all Law Enforcement as well as specific Region V reps
- Used Fresno contact atl parolee / 10851 / 1-handgun seized
- Fresno detail 2-26,27

March 2009:

- The grant became operational during these past months being the support of the web based community listings, detailed flow charts, contact information and public access was established
- Monthly meetings (first tues of every month) at the Fresno MAGEC office began
- Operations are briefed and open to outside agencies
- Multiple trainings are shared as well as information sharing of specific cases
- The operations are becoming increasingly successful with multiple arrests and increased opportunity for sharing gang intel
- TCSO south county detail 3-6
- Kern detail 3-19 thru 3-21

April 2009:

- Used Kern contact re:P.C.211/187 suspect
- Kern, Earlimart, McFarland detail 4-8
- Fresno contact: info on 3056 parolee with sawed off shotgun
- Gang Prevention Taskforce meeting 4-27

May 2009:

- Fresno contact 5-13 re: P.C. 211/245 suspect
- Fresno detail 5-29... 26 in custody total

June 2009:

- Step-Up anti-gang meeting 6-1
- Dinuba detail 6-2

- Anti-gang sub committee meeting 6-4
- Madera parole detail 6-5
- Completed resource listings
- Region V meeting 6-24
- GTF meeting 6-25
- Kings detail 6-26

July 2009:

- Fresno detail re: off duty Deputy being targeted
- Kings Fair detail 7-10 thru 7-12
- Tule Indian anti-gang presentation 7-15
- Kings P.C.187 investigation 7-28 thru 7-31

August 2009:

- Kings investigation on going 8-1 thru 8-8
- Fresno detail 8-13
- Kings detail 8-14, 15
- Kings detail 8-21, 22
- Anaheim Asian Gang Conference

September 2009:

- Orosi presentation 9-3
- Kings detail 9-6
- Tulare Fair detail 9-16 thru 9-20
- Fresno detail 9-25, 26

October 2009:

- Fresno detail 10-9
- Kings detail 10-16 thru 10-18 P.C. 245 investigation
- October 29th OES grant expended, return to TCSO South Co. GVSU assignment

Though the Region V Grant was slow to begin showing statistics the final year of the program was extremely successful. The baseline communication from the

beginning of the grant was increased over 100%, being communication was slim to none prior to. Cooperation between the 7 participating counties was a success and the relationships established during the grant period continue even now, past the expiration. Throughout the grant period the public viewed a substantial increase not only in law enforcement contacts, but in arrests and completed gang investigations.

Total Details: approx. 61 during the reporting period

Contacts: The contacts were made on a continuous basis, intelligence-led contacts were made “as needed” through phone conversations, meetings, e-mails and personally working with each unit

Total Arrests: approx. 181 during suppression, parole, probation details as well as during investigations

Weapons Seized: approx. 23 handguns, 12 rifles, 14 shotguns